(d) The accounts of IIPA, including the expenditure, have been audited upto the year 1995-96;

(e) No such case has been brought out by the Audit Reports.

(f) Does not arise, in view of (e).

[English]

Right to Residence

1794. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in a significant ruling, the Supreme Court observed right to residence for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classess and urban poor;

(b) if so, the details regarding the observations made by the Supreme Court; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). In a recent judgement in C.A. No. 12992/96 (Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation Vs. Nawab Khan Gulab Khan and Ors.) the Hon'ble Supreme Court have observed, inter-alia :

(i) "Right to shelter, therefore, includes adequate living space, safe and decent structure, clean and decent surroundings, sufficient light, pure air and water, electricity, sanitation and other civic amenities like roads etc.

(ii) As is enjoined in the Directive Principals, the State should be deemed to be under an obligation to secure it for its citizens, of course subject to its economic budgeting.

(iii) It would therefore be the duty of the State to provided right to shelter to the poor and indigent weaker sections of the society in fulfilment of the constitutional objectives.

(iv) It would, therefore, be of necessity that the policy of the Government in executing the policies of providing housing accommodation either to the rural poor or the urban poor, should be such that the lands allotted or houses constructed/plots allotted be in such a manner that all the sections of the society, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled tribes, Backward Classes and other poor are integrated as cohesive social structure."

(c) Government is committed to the progressive realisation of the right to adequate housing through a number of concreate measures outlined in the National Housing Policy.

Break Water Wave Power Generation System

1795. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the technology for construction of Integrated Break Water Wave Power Generating System has been fully developed;

(b) whether any such project is being undertaken in Orissa;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to evolve an integrated plan in consultation with Agriculture Ministry, Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources and Water Resources; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (e). The technology for construction of integrated break water wave power generating system has not been fully developed. There is neither any proposal for such a project to be undertaken in Orissa, nor to prepare an integrated plan for this purpose.

[Translation]

Construction of Roads in Kanpur

1796. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether construction work of important roads of Kanpur city (U.P.) has not been commenced so far even after funds were released one year backs;

(b) whether the Government propose to conduct any enquiry into the matter;

(c) if so, by when;

(d) if not the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to check irregularities in the Public Works Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Improvement and reconstruction of city roads of Kanpur was sanctioned on 5.2.96 for Rs. 250.00 lakhs and part

funds were released in February and March, 1996 and works were commenced immediately on receipt of the sanction. These works were completed by June, 1996.

(b) and (c). No, Sir, the works were commenced in time and completed.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) There have been no irregularities in the above works. Whenever any irregularity comes to the notice of the State Government, suitable action is taken against the erring officers/officials.

[English]

Funds for Kashmiri Migrants

1797. SHRI GULAM RASOOL KAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any embezzlement in the funds of Kashmiri migrants at J and K Bhavan, New Delhi has been noticed by the Government;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been ordered by the Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). An enquiry was ordered and a special audit was undertaken. Five officials were placed under suspension and one of them was arrested after registration of a FIR at Police Station, Tughlag Road, New Delhi. The case has been challaned on 18.1.1995 in the Court at Delhi. The officials have also filed petitions against their suspensions in the High Courts at Delhi and Srinagar which are also subjudice.

Petroleum Production

1798. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR :
SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of demand and supply of Petrol, Diesel and LPG in the country and the component of indigenous production of each of these items; and

(b) the amount spent for importing each of huge items and the subsidy component for the customers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Actual quantum of import for Petrol, Diesel and LPG in a given year depends upon the over-all consumption and their indigenous production. Indigenous production of Petrol, Diesel and LPG in 1996-97 is estimated at 4.52 MMT, 22.07 MMT and 3.21 MMT respectively.

(b) The quantity and value of imported products depends on the overall consumption, indigenous production of crude oil and petroleum products and prices of petroleum products prevailing in the international market from time to time.

The estimated subsidy during 1996-97 on Diesel (HSD) and LPG (Domestic) is Rs. 8340 crores (Rs. 1.97/Ltr.) and Rs. 1950 crores (Rs. 70.22/cyl.) respectively. There is no subsidy on Petrol (MS).

Poverty Line

1799. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested the Union Government to enhance the present monetary limit of Rs. 11800/- (1991 base) for identification of persons under Below Poverty Line to Rs. 15000/-;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Planning Commission has not received any request from Government of Maharashtra to enhance the monetary limit for identification of persons under Below Poverty Line.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[Translation]

Allocation of Power

1800. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment of the power supplied to different sectors i.e. Agriculture, Industry and domestic use;

(b) if so, the details of power supplied to each sector during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether any study has been conducted to ascertain the exact demand of each of the above sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). Pattern of energy